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Hearings Panel Proposed Wellington District Plan

By Email

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Re: Submitter ID FS25.27 and FS25.28: Chorus New Zealand Limited (Chorus), Spark New Zealand Trading Limited (Spark) and One New Zealand Group Limited (One NZ – formally Vodafone New Zealand Limited): Hearing Stream 5 Natural Hazards

We act for Chorus, Spark and One NZ (the Telecommunications Companies) who lodged further submissions in regard to the Natural Hazards topic covered by Hearing Stream 5

The Telecommunications Companies wish to record their support for the s42A recommendations in regard to their further submissions on this topic and will not be filing any evidence.

Location of Natural Hazard provisions relating to infrastructure:

The Telecommunications Companies opposed a submission by CentrePort (402.95) who sought to relocate infrastructure rules relating to natural hazards into the Natural Hazards Chapter (FS25.28). Natural hazard rules relating to infrastructure currently reside as a sub-chapter within the Energy, Infrastructure and Transport (EIT) Chapter, which is largely a self-contained code for infrastructure within the Proposed Plan. The Telecommunications Companies support the current structure which contains most provisions relevant to infrastructure in a single section.

The s42A report recommendation to reject the submission of CentrePort is supported by the Telecommunications Companies¹.

Rules relating to Stream Corridor, Overland Flow Path and Ponding Overlays

The Telecommunications Companies opposed a submission by Tyers Stream Group (221.28) who sought sticker rules in relation to buildings and infrastructure in these overlays (FS25.27). The submitter was not clear on the specific relief they are seeking, and the Telecommunications Companies consider that the notified rules regime for infrastructure within the EIT Chapter is satisfactory. The s42A reporting officer opines that the notified plan provisions appropriately address the hazard risk to property and people through controlling, managing, and restricting development commensurate to the level of risk identified.

The s42A report recommendation to reject the submission of Tyers Stream Group is supported by the Telecommunications Companies².

Can you please table this letter of support for the recommendations with the Hearings Panel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely

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² Paragraphs 160 and 182 s42A Report, Natural Hazards